

Recognizing the Efforts of VA Volunteers in Coatesville, PA

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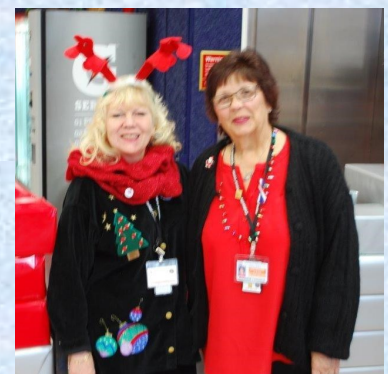
Holiday gatherings...



Goodwill...



and giving!



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The VAVS newsletter has been created for all volunteers and potential volunteers of Coatesville VA Medical Center. This publication is meant to showcase the wonderful work our volunteers contribute to VA.

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Coatesville Highlights



Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a Super Bingo and Valentine's Party for all resident patients.



National Salute to Veteran Patients



Left photo: Representatives from Knights of Columbus, Marine Corps League, Benevolent Order of the Elks and Daughters of the American Revolution delivered Valentines and a gift package of new socks and \$5 canteen books to each Veteran.



Above: Campfire Girls delivered fruit baskets and Valentines to all the units.

Left photo: Marine Corps League Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a Super Bingo and Party and brought homemade treats.

Front Cover photos: *Left top:* American Legion Holiday Concert *Left middle:* QVC Hosts and Bingo prize winner. *Left bottom:* Representatives of American Legion sponsored a Holiday Concert. *Right top:* Marine Corps League @ Mistletoe Party. Gift boxes donated by David's Drive. *Right middle:* QVC hosted a Bingo party and brought prizes and refreshments for the resident patients. *Right bottom:* Representatives from Daughters of the American Revolution @ Mistletoe Party.

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ReMax Professional of Exton provided materials and construction of a Horseshoe Pit behind the Pool and Hospice.



David's Drive delivers the goods!



Irwin & Leighton Commercial Builders provided a meal, clothing and "Elvis" for an enjoyable day of entertainment.

Would you like a donut with that coffee?

Mr. Logan, of the Marine Corps League, has been delivering Entenmann's baked goods every Monday for the past several years. These baked goods are enjoyed by the patient Veterans at various activities throughout the week.



34th National Veterans Wheelchair Games

Interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities for the 34th National Veterans Wheelchair Games to be held August 12-17, 2014 in Philadelphia? Click on the below link or visit <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/apAP=1986052616>.



NVWG ONLINE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Wish List

Clothing

- New and gently used men's clothing
- New women's clothing (no used clothing)
- New socks, t-shirts, undergarments, and bras (wirefree) (all sizes)
- New and gently used men's and women's shoes, sneakers and work boots
- New and gently used coats, jackets and outerwear

Personal Care Items

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Liquid body wash
- Shaving cream/gel
- Mouthwash (must be alcohol free)
- Roll-on deodorant
- Body lotions
- Toothpaste, floss, toothbrushes
- Brush/comb
- Razors/electric razors
- Powder

Miscellaneous Items

- Forever postage stamps and stationary (envelops, paper, pens)
- Gift cards from retail stores and/or prepaid gas cards
- Phone cards
- Tea, coffee, creamer and sugar/sugar substitutes



Monetary donations are always welcome.

Checks should be made payable to Department of Veterans Affairs or DVA. Please indicate how you would like your donation utilized and mail check to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Voluntary Service (135)
1400 Black Horse Hill Road
Coatesville, PA 19320



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Visiting Veteran Service Organizations



State President of
 Veterans of Foreign Wars
 Ladies Auxiliary
 January 13, 2014



Department of
 Pennsylvania State Surgeon
 of Veterans of Foreign
 Wars October 17, 2013



Worthy Grand Matron of the
 Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania
 Order of the Eastern Star
 August 13, 2013

Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteer Driver Network (VTN Driver)
- Reception
- Instructor Basic Computer Skills
- Community Living Center
 - Weekend Decorator
 - Recreational Baker
 - Wheelchair Escorts
 - Visitor
 - Greeters
- Canteen Assistant (warehouse and food court)
- Admin Support Assistant (HR and Podiatry)
- Buddy Program
- Pet Therapy Program
- Adaptive Sports
 - Kayaking "Team River Runner"
 - Fly fishing "Project Healing Waters"
 - Hiking
- Guest Service Desk / Information Window
- Hospice Assistant
- Computer Room Assistant
- Men's Clothing Room Assistant
- Women's Clothing



Donations



Donation - Knights of Columbus



Sports Equipment donated by Kelly Sports of West Chester and ReMax Professional of Exton



Daughters of the American Revolution donated wheelchair cup holders to the Community Living Center



Superior Tube Company presented a beautiful Poster created and signed by all the employees

We thank the volunteer organizations and individual volunteers for their generous sup-

New Volunteers

Please welcome them to their new assignments.

Walter W. Kutz III – My Healthe Vet

Andrew Trehwitt – Project Healing Waters

Kenneth Leung – Project Healing Waters

Brianne Murphy – Yoga Instructor Wellness Program

Rhonda Washington – Guest Service Desk in Bldg 2 by Urgent Care

Sharon Fury – Buddy Program (59B)

Kass Geary and Bella – Pet Therapy (MH Recreation)

Carol Meerschaeert – Hike / Walk Leader (MH Recreation)

Tom Bucci and Max – Pet Therapy (MH Recreation)



Reminders

- Don't forget to get your FREE Flu Shot
- Don't forget to get a new parking sticker if you have a new vehicle
- Representatives – The next quarterly VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Meeting is Thursday, April 17th at 1pm.



Department of Veterans Affairs

1400 Blackhorse Hill Road, Coatesville, PA 19320

Phone: 610-384-7711 or 1-800-290-6172

RECURRING VOLUNTEER SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

Every Monday

Fly Fishing Clinic @ Great hall:
Project Healing Waters

Every Tuesday

Popcorn and Pretzel Sales @ Times Square: Benevolent and Paternal Order of Elks, Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Masonic Service Association

Hospitality Table @ MH Outpatient Clinic: VFW Aux Post 287 Coatesville

Every Thursday

Adopt a Grandparent program: 5th grade class from Reeseville Elementary

Volleyball @ Great Hall: Vietnam Veterans of America

Second Monday of the month

Bingo Party 2PM @ CLC: Military Order of the Purple Heart

Third Monday of the month

Bingo Party 2PM @ CLC: Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Chapter 25

Second Tuesday of the month

Social 2PM @ 59B: The Salvation Army

Second Thursday of the month

Bingo Party 2PM @ 59A: Marine Corps League

Last Sunday of the month

Brunch: Trinity Church Coatesville

Calendar of Volunteer Sponsored Activities

JANUARY

Jan 18 Bingo Party @ CLC: Order of the Eastern Star

Jan 20 MLK Day Celebration Performance / Party @ CLC: Amerikids

Jan 24 Luncheon @ CLC: Vietnam Veterans of America

FEBRUARY

Feb 2 Open House @ CLC: VFW Post 7294 Millersville

Feb 5 Social @ 59B : Daughters of the American Revolution

Feb 5 8B Trip to VFW Post 845 Downingtown or dinner: VFW Post 845

Feb 9 Open House @ Great Hall : VFW Post 106 West Chester

Feb 9 Facials for MH: Mary Kay and Cheney University

Feb 12 Valentine's Day Super Bingo: Marine Corps League and MCL Aux

Feb 13 Valentine Gift and Card Distribution to all units: VAVS Family

Feb 17 Bingo Party @ CLC: Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

Feb 19 Trip to Cheyney State University to see "The Life of Harriet Tubman"

Feb 22 Bingo @ CLC: Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary

MARCH

Mar 2 Open House @ Great Hall: VFW Post 845 Downingtown

Mar 4 Birthday Party for Anna K. Walters and James J. Porreca (they both turn 93 this year): VAVS Family

Mar 4 Winter Carnival @ Great Hall: VAVS Family

Mar 6 MH Trip to VFW Post 845 Downingtown for dinner: VFW Post 845

Mar 9 Open House @ Great Hall: VFW Post 3376 Ephrata

Mar 15 Trip to VFW Post 1463 for breakfast: VFW Post 1463 Lititz

Mar 15 St. Patrick's Day Super Bingo @ Great Hall: Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Mar 17 Bingo Party @ CLC: Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

Mar 23 Open House @ Great Hall: VFW Post 2435 Columbia



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